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Federal Communications Commission
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Re: Ex Parte Statement
CC Docket 97-137

Dear Mr. Caton:

The attached letters addressed to Chairman Reed Hundt should be incorporated in the record of the above referenced docket.

Sincerely,



Toni R. Acton

Attachments

cc: M. Waksman

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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
The Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing in support of the action taken by Ameritech in filing under Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to provide long distance service in Michigan. Ameritech's filing clearly demonstrates that the competition we hoped would develop when the Act was signed into law by the President, is rapidly becoming a reality.

The emergence of real competition in local and long distance services will ultimately result in new jobs for American workers, provide significant long-term benefits such as lower prices and better service, and foster an environment of innovation.

People with disabilities, in particular, have much to gain from the benefits of a competitive environment. For many Americans with disabilities, affordable telephone service is the primary way to stay in touch with family and friends, obtain needed medical consultation, and maintain contact with the community and support organizations. All consumers should have the option to choose from a variety of available marketplace options, or if they prefer, acquire all the services they need from a single familiar entity. Limiting marketplace options will limit and delay the realization of the benefits of the emerging "Information Age" to an important segment of our population.

Approval of Ameritech's filing will begin to deliver the benefits of the Information Age to America, as Congress intended.

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R. Hundt
June 6, 1997
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Mr. Chairman, I urge your thoughtful consideration and prompt approval of Ameritech's application.

Sincerely,



Paul Bridgewater
Executive Director

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cc: Mr. Donald J. Russell
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June 9, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hunt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, Northwest
Washington, DC 20544

Docket #: DA-137

Dear Chairman Hunt:

The University of Michigan-Dearborn is involved in a number of exciting distributive learning projects, including collaborations with Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village and UAW-Ford. In that context, the University will depend on state-of-the-art communication systems to reach prospective students throughout the United States. Importantly it needs to reach these students in the most economical manner possible. Any effort that the Commission can make to heighten competition envisioned by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 would be greatly appreciated. In this way the University would be assured of the best possible price for the delivery of our education programs.

Thank you for your consideration of our service needs.

Yours sincerely,


Robert L. Simpson, Ph.D.
Provost

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FOUNDATION

June 25, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M. Street, Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20544

Dear Sir:

This letter is written in reference to Docket #DA 97-137 (Ameritech). This is a request that you move favorably on Ameritech's application to provide long distance service to Michigan without further delay.

Ameritech has stated the following:

We believe that you should be able to select the best product, from the best provider, at the best price, with the best service. We believe that full and fair competition is crucial to our national economy, to our educational system, and to maintaining our leadership position in the world economy.

Ameritech has been supportive of our efforts as a non-profit organization. We, in turn, are supportive of their efforts to promote true market-based competition in all telecommunications markets.

Please move quickly to approve Ameritech's request. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sandy Weir
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cc: Mr. Donald J. Russell
The U.S. Department of Justice

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June 30, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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RE: Docket #DA97-137

Dear Chairman Hundt:

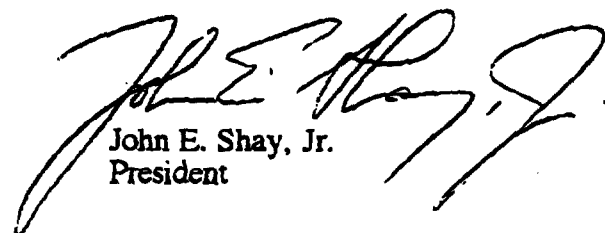
With the deregulation of the telephone industry, I am joining others in requesting that you not delay in implementing The Telecommunications Act of 1996 (TA96) so that its promised benefits can be realized, or, if flawed, be reversed.

I agree that market-based competition in all telecommunications markets will ensure that the United States continues to have a state-of-the-art communications infrastructure. The TA96 was intended precisely to promote full and fair competition. As an educational institution, we view the communication of American consumers, businesses and schools as key to the quality of life of the nation.

We endorse full and fair competition, based on the best products, at the best prices with the best customer service available.

The TA96 has been in effect for over a year, with no noticeable impact on long distance prices, which have steadily gone up. I look for action as soon as reasonable.

Sincerely,



John E. Shay, Jr.
President

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cc: Donald J. Russell
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Mary N. McAlindon, EdD, LLC

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July 1, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20544

Dear Honorable Hundt:

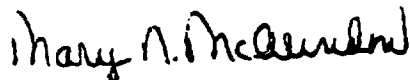
I am writing in reference to Docket #DA 97-137 and for approval of the Ameritech application to provide long distance service in Michigan. As an Ameritech customer, we want to be able to select from the best products, at the best prices, with the best service from the best providers.

True market based competition in all telecommunications markets will ensure that as Americans, we will continue to have state-of-the-art communications infrastructure. The Telecommunications Act of 1996 has been in effect for over a year with no noticeable impact on long distance prices. Indeed, prices have risen steadily.

The intent of the Act was to promote full and fair competition in all telecommunications markets. This will be key to the delivery of the Internet information superhighway to consumers, businesses, schools and nonprofit organizations.

Please do not delay in opening long distance markets to competition for the benefit of U.S. commerce.

Sincerely,



Mary N. McAlindon
President

cc Mr. Donald J. Russell

First of America Corporation
One First of America Parkway
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49009-8002

July 2, 1997



The Honorable Reed Hundt
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M. Street, Northwest
Washington, DC 20544

RE: Docket #97-137

Competition in all telecommunications markets will benefit major businesses like First of America, because it will provide us with cost-effective alternatives. We need and want improved products and services in long distance. We rely on an extensive network of vendors, suppliers and business partners. Some are niche companies who survive on volume with low operation costs. Anything those companies can save in costs is passed to us, and keeps our costs down as well. And that promotes product sales, which means jobs, which means a more solid tax base.

The telecommunications Act of 1996 was intended to provide healthy competition in all telecommunications markets, which will be key to the delivery of the information superhighway to consumers, businesses and schools. As a national corporation, we need to be able to make the best choices in local and long distance providers based on the best products and services, at the best prices, with the best customer service and value at the core of our decision process.

True market-based competition in telecommunications markets will ensure that the United States continues to have a state-of-the-art communications infrastructure—an asset to building our economy, retraining and attracting new businesses, and to meeting the needs of an increasingly sophisticated American consumer. We should have a full range of providers to choose from, and right now, the most qualified, reliable competitors can't compete in offering long distance services.

Please do not delay any longer in opening long distance markets to full, fair and qualified competition. Please move favorably and quickly to approve Ameritech's application to provide long distance services in Michigan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Robert R. Bodzianowski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" and last name "Bodzianowski" clearly legible. The middle initial "R." is also present.

Bob Bodzianowski
Senior V.P. - Technical Services

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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
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Re: Docket #DA 97-137

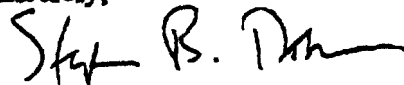
Dear Chairman Hundt,

Nonprofit Enterprise at Work (NEW) provides management resources and technical support to arts organizations, human service agencies and other nonprofit groups throughout Washtenaw County. On behalf of the Board of Trustees of NEW, I am writing in support of opening long distance markets to competition.

In order to create and maintain a viable nonprofit sector, a major goal of our organization is to insure that nonprofits have access to skills and resources available in the private sector. Recently, we have launched an initiative to foster the use of computer networked technology to increase communication within the nonprofit sector and the community it serves. Opening up the telecommunications markets to competition will strengthen the communications infrastructure that is necessary for all segments of the economy including the nonprofit sector.

Facing the loss of traditional sources of funding and with additional emphasis being placed on the wise-use of philanthropic dollars, nonprofits need access to as many cost-saving services as possible. Full and fair competition in all telecommunications markets, based on the best products, at the best prices with the best customer service available is beneficial to the nonprofit organizations that we serve. For these reasons, we encourage the establishment of a competitive long distance service market.

Sincerely,



Stephen B. Dobson, Chair-Elect

cc: Mr. Donald J. Russell

Telecommunications Task Force, Anti-Trust Division
The U.S. Department of Justice



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July 3, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20544

Dear Mr. Hundt,

It has come to our attention that Ameritech has filed an application to offer long distance service to customers in Michigan. Over the years our organization has been both a customer and a partner with Ameritech in providing public service to the community. Based on Ameritech's track record as a corporate citizen, our organization feels that consideration should be given to their application to offer long distance service.

We strongly believe that competition is important in the marketplace and will ultimately benefit consumers with better prices and services. Thousands of people in our community rely on Ameritech not only for telecommunication services but also for employment. The strength of this company will have a significant impact on the future of metropolitan Detroit and Michigan. Many thanks for considering our position in this matter and it is our hope that your agency will support full and open competition for all telecommunication providers.

Sincerely,

Patricia Solomon, President

cc: Donald J. Russell, U. S. Department of Justice

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July 3, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20544

Dear Mr. Hundt:

I am writing to you regarding Docket #DA 97-137 to encourage you to move favorably on Ameritech's application to provide long distance service in Michigan. As a global/multi-state nonprofit organization, we at Junior Achievement of the Michigan Great Lakes view health of American consumers, businesses and schools as a key to our operating programs and revenue.

As an organization dedicated to inspiring young people to value free enterprise, business and economics, we endorse full and fair competition, based on the best products, at the best prices with the best customer service available.

The Telecommunication Act of 1996 has been in effect for over a year with no noticeable impact on long distance prices which have steadily gone up. The intent of the Act was to promote full and fair competition in all telecommunications markets, which will be the key to the delivery of the information superhighway to consumers, businesses, schools and nonprofits.

Please do not delay in opening long distance markets to competition for the benefit of U.S. commerce, and thereby the benefit of U.S. nonprofits as well.

Sincerely,



Jane Dalsaso
Senior Marketing Director

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c Donald J. Russell